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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

William J. IMOEHL

Application No.: 09/559,749

Filed: 30 June 2000

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
A FUEL INJECTOR SEAT

Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: Compton, E.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the non-final Office Action issued 31 May 2002, the period for reply extending through September 03, 2002, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Thrice amended) A method of forming a fuel injector seat, the seat having an upstream face, a downstream face, and a passage extending along an axis between the upstream face and the downstream face, the method comprising:

forming within the passage an orifice portion proximate the downstream face and having a first transverse cross-sectional area relative to the axis;

forming within the passage a sealing portion proximate the upstream face and having a second transverse cross-sectional area relative to the axis that decreases at a first rate in a downstream direction from a first area to a second area;

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